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ABSTRACT

This questionnaire assesses drug knowledge, drug use practices, and attitudes toward drugs in junior high school, senior high school, and college students. The 105 items (multiple choice, yes/no, or completion) are concerned with personal and demographic data, "book" knowledge of drugs, "street" knowledge of drugs (drug argot and the like), attitudes toward drugs and drug users, peer drug use, and personal drug use practices. The instrument is untimed, group administered, and may be given by the classroom teacher. Selected item response data and findings for samples of Washington State high school and junior college students are reported. No other technical data was available for review. This questionnaire was used to survey drug attitudes, knowledge and experience of students in Tacoma and Everett, Washington. The results are summarized. See also TM 001 220. (DG)

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NARCOTICS CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

As you know, there has been a great deal of talk and publicity about drugs and youth. Much of what we are hearing and reading about drugs and college students is based on relatively little information. The study you have been asked to take part in is designed to get more specific information about how students feel about drugs. We are trying to find out how much young college students know about drugs and what their attitudes and experiences with them are.

Before you go ahead with the questionnaire, there are three important points to be made:

First, these questionnaires are completely anonymous. You will notice that we have not asked for your name on the test sheets. In this way, it is quite different from the usual school test. The personal information we ask for is there simply because we need to know how these things relate to what you know about drugs. We are interested in how the students here as a whole feel about drugs not in how any individual feels. When you have finished the questionnaires they will be taken to the Narcotics Center. Your questionnaires won't remain here. We are taking these precautions so that you may feel frank in the answers you put down.

Second, there are a lot of technical questions in this questionnaire. We know that you won't know the answers to all of the questions. You have probably learned what you know about drugs by reading on your own or by talking to friends. Just pick out the answer to each question that seems the most reasonable to you.

Third, your participation in this questionnaire survey is entirely voluntary. We want to get as good a cross section of students as we can, so we hope that all of you will answer to the best of your ability. We are interested in your reactions to the questionnaire, and would appreciate your writing comments in the margins or at the end. If you are going to answer otherwise than frankly or seriously, just tell us when you turn it in, and we won't use your questionnaire in our survey.

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DRUG KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your grade in school _____ 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

2. Your age_____

3. Your sex _____1. F _____2. M

4. Your race _____1. Caucasian(white) _____2. Negro _____3. Other

5. Indicate your grade point average by checking on the scale below.

A		B		C		D		F
/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	.5	0

Have you ever had classroom instruction of five days or more on drugs and drug abuse? _____0. No _____1. Yes (106.)

6. How many brothers and sisters do you have_____?

7. Where do you stand among your brothers and sisters? (Check one)

_____1. Oldest

_____2. Youngest

_____3. In between

_____4. I am the only child

8. Living with:

_____1. Both parents

_____2. A parent and a step parent

_____3. Mother alone

_____4. Father alone

_____5. Other

9. If you had a personal problem, which of the following people would you be most likely to talk it over with? (Check one)

_____1. A parent

_____2. A friend of your own age and sex

_____3. A friend of your own age of the opposite sex

_____4. An adult outside the family

_____5. Wouldn't talk it over with anyone

Here are some organizations to which you might belong. First, go down the left hand columns checking to show which ones you belong to now. Then check in the right hand columns to show how frequently you attend each type of organization.

		DO YOU BELONG? 1 Yes	0 No		HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND? 1 Rarely	2 Monthly	3 Weekly	4 More Often
School Club	10.	____	____	11.	____	____	____	____
Club or organization outside of school	12.	____	____	13.	____	____	____	____
Church	14.	____	____	15.	____	____	____	____

16. What kind of work does your father do? (Give type of work, trade or profession, NOT where he works. If in Armed Services, give grade or rank).

_____

_____

_____

17. What kind of work does your mother do?

_____

_____

18. Has your home been outside the state of Washington at any time?

_____1. Yes _____2. No

19. How many times have you moved in the past five years? (Check one)

_____1. Haven't moved

_____2. Once

_____3. Twice

_____4. Three times

_____5. Four or more times

Now we would like to find out something of what you know of drugs and drug use. Here are some drugs which may be abused. Classify each drug by checking in the correct column opposite its name. Check one column only.

	1 Stimulant	2 Depressant	3 Hallucinogen	4 Tranquillizer	5 Opiate	6 Don't Know
20. Alcohol	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. Heroin	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. Marijuana	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
23. Seconal	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. Meprobamate (Miltown, Equanil)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. Codeine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
26. LSD	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
27. Thorazine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
28. Cocaine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
29. Nembutal	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
30. Methedrine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
31. STP	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
32. Dexedrine	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
33. Librium	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

34. Which one of the following drugs will keep the user from sleeping?

_____1. Heroin

_____2. Marijuana

_____3. Morphine

_____4. Barbiturates

_____5. Dexedrine

35. What is the minimum Federal sentence for a first conviction for possession of marijuana?

_____1. a month

_____2. 6 months

_____3. 1 year

_____4. 2 years

_____5. 5 years

36. Becoming physically dependent upon a drug means:

_____1. Liking the drug so much you can't do without it

_____2. Needing the drug to get rid of physical symptoms

_____3. The body's adapting so it has a continuing need for the drug

_____4. Using the drug all of the time

_____5. Needing the drug for one's financial support

37. Becoming psychologically dependent is one of the dangers of:

_____1. Dexedrine

_____2. LSD

_____3. Alcohol

_____4. Cocaine

_____5. All of these

38. The minimum Federal sentence for a first offense of selling marijuana is:

_____1. 6 months

_____2. 1 year

_____3. 2 years

_____4. 5 years

_____5. 10 years

39. The possibility of actual physical damage to the brain is one of the principal dangers of:

_____1. Marijuana

_____2. Heroin

_____3. Glue sniffing

_____4. Meprobamate

_____5. Morphine

40. Which of the following is an effect of morphine?

_____1. Increased alertness

_____2. Heart beats faster

_____3. Physical damage to the brain

_____4. Increased sex drive

_____5. Constipation

41. Becoming psychologically dependent on a drug means:

_____1. Liking it so much you don't want to do without it

_____2. Taking the drug to get in with a group of people

_____3. Having to use the substance because of emotional needs

_____4. The body's adapting so it has a continuing need for the drug

_____5. Having to increase the dose to get the same effect

42. Which of the following drugs is used medically for pain relief?

_____1. Methedrine

_____2. Seconal

_____3. Meprobamate

_____4. Dexedrine

_____5. Morphine

43. Which of the following drugs reduce(s) anxiety?

_____1. Morphine

_____2. Meprobamate

_____3. Dexamyl

_____4. None of these

_____5. All of these

44. Which of the following drugs are legal to use if you have a prescription for it?

_____1. Heroin

_____2. Marijuana

_____3. Nembutal

_____4. All of these

_____5. None of these

45. Which of the following drugs will make you think more efficiently?

_____1. Seconal

_____2. Morphine

_____3. Heroin

_____4. All of these

_____5. None of these

46. Liver infection is one of the dangers of:

_____1. Marijuana

_____2. Methedrine

_____3. Cocaine

_____4. Dexedrine

_____5. All of these

47. Marijuana comes from:

_____1. Tobacco

_____2. A cactus

_____3. Hemp plant

_____4. A kind of mushroom

_____5. Blue grass

48. Demerol is an artificial substitute for:

_____1. Marijuana

_____2. Peyote

_____3. Mescaline

_____4. Dexedrine

_____5. Morphine

49. Mescaline is found in:

_____1. Hemp

_____2. Tobacco

_____3. A kind of poppy

_____4. A mushroom

_____5. A cactus

50. Psilocybin is found in:

_____1. Hemp

_____2. Morning Glories

_____3. A poppy

_____4. A mushroom

_____5. A cactus

51. "Drug Tolerance" means:

_____1. Making a drug legal in a state

_____2. The ability to know the effects of drugs

_____3. The "high" that an addict gets from drugs

_____4. The need for a larger dose to produce the same effect

_____5. The inability to function without a drug

52. It is not against the law to:

_____1. Be a narcotics addict

_____2. Be in a place where narcotics are used without a permit

_____3. Be in possession of narcotics without a permit

_____4. Bring narcotics into the country without permission

_____5. Administer narcotics to a patient without permission

53. Marijuana in the U.S. comes largely from:

_____1. The Middle East

_____2. South America

_____3. Mexico

_____4. China

_____5. India

Check the number of the word on the right which best defines the word or phrase on the left. Check one answer only.

54. O.D.

_____1. Overdrawn

_____2. Overdose

_____3. Officer of the day

_____4. Office of Drugs

_____5. Off duty

55. Drop

_____1. Deliver drugs

_____2. Pass out

_____3. Small amount of a drug

_____4. Take by mouth

_____5. Let fall

56. On the nod

_____1. In agreement

_____2. Influenced to take drugs

_____3. Bored

_____4. Under the influence of an opiate

_____5. Passed out

57. Reefer

_____1. Marijuana cigarette

_____2. Refrigerator

_____3. Hypodermic needle

_____4. Cocaine

_____5. A dealer in illegal drugs

58. Nemby

_____1. Heroin
_____2. Cocaine
_____3. A barbiturate
_____4. Marijuana
_____5. Hypodermic apparatus

59. Grass

_____1. Heroin
_____2. Cocaine
_____3. A barbiturate
_____4. Marijuana
_____5. LSD

60. Acid

_____1. LSD
_____2. Marijuana
_____3. Seconal
_____4. Cocaine
_____5. Heroin

61. Snow

_____1. Heroin
_____2. Cocaine
_____3. Seconal
_____4. Marijuana
_____5. LSD

62. Junk

_____1. In agreement
_____2. A hypodermic needle
_____3. Heroin
_____4. Marijuana cigarette
_____5. Cocaine

63. Speed

_____1. LSD
_____2. A marijuana product
_____3. An amphetamine
_____4. Drag of marijuana
_____5. A barbiturate

64. Lid

_____1. Mind
_____2. A measure of marijuana
_____3. Take by mouth
_____4. Marijuana cigarette
_____5. LSD

65. Main line

_____1. Inject into a vein
_____2. Be under the influence of an opiate
_____3. Hangout for drug users
_____4. An amphetamine
_____5. A barbiturate

66. Toak

_____1. Take by mouth
_____2. Drag
_____3. Hypodermic needle
_____4. A barbiturate
_____5. A marijuana product

67. Freak out

_____1. Wild party

_____2. Act bizarrely under the influence of drugs

_____3. Pass out

_____4. Hangout for drug users

_____5. A "Square"

68. Smack

_____1. A marijuana product

_____2. Heroin

_____3. LSD

_____4. Cough syrup

_____5. Marijuana butt

69. Joint

_____1. In agreement

_____2. A barbiturate

_____3. Hangout for drug users

_____4. Pack of sleepers

_____5. Marijuana cigarette

70. Hash

_____1. A barbiturate

_____2. Heroin

_____3. Marijuana product

_____4. STP

_____5. Cocaine

Here is a list of things which some young people use. Show how you feel about young people your age using these by checking opposite each one in the column which expresses your attitude. Check ONE COLUMN ONLY opposite each item.

	1 Very Bad	2 Somewhat Bad	3 May be Bad	4 Neither Good Nor Bad	5 May be Good	6 Somewhat Good	7 Very Good
71. Aspirin							
72. Beer, wine or liquor							
73. Cigarettes							
74. Glue sniffing							
75. Heroin							
76. LSD							
77. Marijuana							
78. Methedrine							
79. Pep pills							
80. Sleeping pills							

Do you know anyone from among your friends and acquaintances who is using.....

		1 YES	0 NO
81.	Marijuana	____	____
82.	LSD	____	____
83.	Pep pills without prescription	____	____
84.	Mescaline	____	____
85.	Morning Glory seeds	____	____
86.	Sleeping pills without prescription	____	____
87.	Tranquillizers without prescription	____	____
88.	Glue sniffing	____	____
89.	Gasoline sniffing	____	____
90.	Heroin	____	____
91.	Morphine without prescription	____	____
92.	Methedrine (speed)	____	____

What has been your experience with these drugs? Check the appropriate column which indicates your experience with each.

	1a. No chance to try, wouldn't if offered	1b. No chance to try, but might if I did	2. Had the chance, but didn't try	3. Tried it once	4. Use less than once a month	5. Use now about monthly	6. Use weekly	7. Use more than once a week
93. Marijuana								
94. LSD								
95. Pep pills - unprescribed								
96. Mescaline								
97. Morning Glory seeds								
98. [illegible]eping pills unprescribed								
99. Tranquillizers unprescribed								
100. Glue sniffing								
101. Gasoline sniffing								
102. Heroin								
103. Morphine unprescribed								
104. Methedrine (speed)								
105. Other medical drugs without parents' or doctors' knowledge/approval								